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#### THE FORGOTTEN COMITIES.

ord mayor of Cork, in full confidence that his name of the nation's court of last resort. was satisfactory testimony to his eligibility. It deleveloped later, however, that O'Shea had been an American citizen, and had never surrendered his alegiance to this country.

So O'Shea is to lose the job.

might let us Americans have just one American ting the Irishmen hold the jobs!

DEFECTIVE STYLE, TOO.

We doubt If the serenity of the broomstick girl dressed in a gumy sack will be disturbed by the type of womanhood. Something more than a ukase periments here. from the well-meaning body of men assembled at Buttle Creek to discuss this question will be neces- ship are not so much afraid that it will fail in Alaska, sary to convince her that she would not be a good as that it will succeed there. That's the real rub. deal more defective if she were not in style.

## SHACKLETON'S EXPEDITION.

of Shackleton will take. Shall he take a leaf out of of today favors the public construction and ownership lops up and down. When you see your the books of Peary and Amundsen and place his re- of Alaska railroads, and that that is going to be the floor spin by, you wait until it comes liance for transport on the Eskimo dogs or shall be outcome. attempt to make use of more modern but less effective methods? The successes of Peary and Amunden, in the last analysis, were due to one fact: that Americans hope it will be.

## HARRY LANE DUNLAP.

The death of Harry Lane Dunlap takes untimely the best known figures in the public life of Washad enjoyed the confidence of hundreds of men in support. igh place and difficult circumstances, and was everythere known as a journalist of the best type.

redit. Not many journalists of his day knew Amer- forth unobscured and unchallenged. ca as he knew it. He served with distinguished sucess as managing editor of the St. Louis Post-

Living and working in a generation in which newstudent and chan of affairs, as well as a recorder of he deserves. e daily news regarding them. He was one of the jost devoted friends and lovable companions. His eath will be mourned with a very personal sense of loss by a range of friends that not many could n every phase of public life, from Presidents down to the unfortunate who breaks into jail for complicity in a strike riot

## MR. TAFT FOR CHIEF JUSTICE.

out his career by serving as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Some considerations in the case has won that place. of N.r. Taft lend themselves particularly to this ompleted his Presidential term.

ompelled to retire and there is no sign that his re-livan.

markable grasp on his onerous duties has relaxeu. He was appointed by Mr. Taft when President and presumably looked forward to more than a few years

Another consideration may or may not have weight with the appointing power. Judges are supposed to declare the meaning of the law regardless of their personal views, and it may make no differ- Miss Palmora de Treschow, of Copenence that Mr. Taft is strongly conservative at a time hagen, was the thirty-first young lady when public opinion is distinctly inclined in the to be arrested in New Fork for giving opposite direction. However, the reported remark Morn." Miss Palmora forgot that there of one of the earlier Executives, "John Marshall is were only thirty morns in September. President; I am not," is still remembered, and exam- That affair at Zabern, Alsace, is all ples of the influence of the Chief Justice's viewpoint over. The military judges' verdict was ples of the influence of the Chief Justice's viewpoint complete and concise. They found that upon the life of the nation have not been wanting the crippled cobbler, who was sabred in recent years. It cannot be doubted that a judge by a German officer was still sabred. of so much force and depth as Mr. Taft would leave The German officer was tried by his A gentleman named O'Shea was lately elected more than a colorless impression on the decisions peers. Evidently the peers peered every

#### THE ALASKA RAILROADS.

It develops that there is going to be a good deal Pennsylvania grand jury. How many of opposition to the construction of Government rail-idees it take to supply a Pennsylvania roads in Alaska. Of course, as usual in such cases, It certainly does seem as if the Ireland Irish it will be opposition using insincere and dishonest ar-

We are beginning to hear much about the fright- frage cause on a visit home. Evidently navor in an irish town. Certainly we have never ful danger of committing this Government to any married. shown any parrow prejudices, on this side, against let- government-ownership experiments. Government ownership in, Alaska is declared to mean a step two sure enough bandits. Reel villains toward government ownership elsewhere, and government ownership cannot possibly accomplish anything but harm in Alaska or elsewhere.

Let's examine that a moment. If government ownership means failure it might be well to try it on ington, Pennsylvnia. statement of a speaker at the National Conference of the Alaska dog, and take warning by his fate. A Race Betterment that she represents the "defective" failure in Alaska would warn against any such ex-

Gentlemen who are afraid of government owner-They don't want Alaska to give the country an ex-Maybe, too, a lot of men would vote her side of ample of good results achieved, of the public interest conserved, of regulation that really regulates, of capitalization moderate and honest, of fixed charges based on the high credit of the Government. They are afraid that Alaska would give such an example. device. Says that elevator boys have Widespread attention is directed to the forth- Because they don't want such a demoralizing spec- a lot of trouble stopping at the different floors. In fact, he never saw an coming expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton to the tacle held up before the eyes of a community none elevator stop on a level with the floor Scientific men in the United States are too well pleased with existing conditions, they are line. The boy always has to jockey watching the preparations closely and will follow the presenting the argument that government railroads anywhere near the right mark. developments keerly, for, though Amundsen reached would necessarily be a failure from the start. Per- Here is where his invention relieves the South Pole, there is a vast field of scientific ex- haps they would, but the country is not going to be tionary elevator. The car does not move ploration in the Antarctic which is almost untouched. too sure about it until it sees the thing tried. The an inch. The building does all the move It remains to be seen what form the preparations truth is that the vast preponderance of public opinion ing that is to be done. Passengers get

#### NEW HAVEN UNSCRAMBLING.

Whether big business is to suffer or prosper it they perceived in the Eskimo dog nature's one per- goes on accepting the "unscrambling" terms offered same. fect instrument for polar transportation purposes. by the United States Government. Whether rail- amined as to their mental condition. The dog has never been improved upon for this serv- roads in tying up transportation in monopoly strings Finish up by cross-questioning the lad ice and probably never will be. If Shackleton under- were guilty or innocent of a purpose to practice ex- in the padded cell next to yours. tands this his expedition will probably be the success tortion from the public, they continue to open the Millionaire soul-mate of young girl merger bundles and scatter the contents.

Howard Elliott, new head of the New Haven itself from most of the steam roads, trolley lines and ships that all but ruined the New Haven itself. longer. About June 21 be could have rom the circle of newspaper and public men one of He wishes to act in harmony with the laws of the set up some record for Hobson to shoot country: in a manly statement he asks the good will ngton. Mr. Dunlap enjoyed one of the widest ac- and support of everybody in his effort to do this and quaintances, probably, among men of affairs, that at the same time give a satisfactory service to the could be credited to any man in the country. He public of New England; no doubt he will get that have learned how to conceal your igno-

In any event, the new era is in full Jawn. The Invisible Government, as suspected and reproached much of a show at that to draw a full Mr. Dunlap was a Western man, within Southern so short a while back, abdicates its powers and withaperience and a long Eastern residence to his draws its claims. The Visible Government stands

In the new conditions, which are as natural developments as the railroad after the ox team, the Dispatch, and thence was called to head the New requirement for American industry, commerce, and Yerk World-Post Dispatch bureau in Washington. finance is readjustment. Readjustment to fresh sit-Overwork, undertaken despite the handicap of a not uations never fails to be made when it must be made. on strong physique, left him with ill health, and It is always made with the less difficulty as it is inally brought the break-down that ended with sud- made with the more cheerful submission to the in-

So it is for every corporation that is without paper work is anonymous, and few men can hope the law to take itself within the law—the spirit as o earn reputation through it, Harry Dunlap made well as the letter. That done, as must be, with everyimself one of the few who overcome this disadvan- body lending a hand, as ought to be, we shall not find age and make real places for themselves. He was a that for anybody the situation is more hopeless than

## THE CASE OF CHIEF SULLIVAN.

There seems to be too much mystery about the proceedings in the case of Deputy Chief Sullivan, of boast, for he has been the friend and helper of men the Fire Department. The public always takes the keenest interest in the concerns of the Fire Department for the reason that no public facility comes closer to the very life and safety of the community In the case of Chief Sullivan, his long career and highly creditable service have become known to a In the abstract it would seem appropriate that very great number of people. The man who handles an ex-President of the United States should round the fire fighting army on hundreds of occasions, gets pretty closely into the confidence of the people he serves, and there can be no doubt that Chief Sullivan

If Sullivan made a mistake at the recent Seventh viewpoint. He was recognized as a lawyer of excep- street fire there ought to be a less mysterious proional knowledge and ability in his earlier days in cedure about it all. If he has deserved to be dis-Thio and he rendered distinguished service subse- placed from the department under a cloud, that mently as a Federal judge. His ambition was then, treatment should be meted to him without hesitation. nd even when he was governor general of the But to convey intimation that his application for rehilippines and Secretary of War, to preside over tirement would be favorably acted upon without diie highest judicial tribunal of the nation. His rectly making charges against him or giving assuratural predilections were further indicated by his ances that he had been vindicated, is a procedure so ecceptance of a chair of law at Yale after he had vague and unsatisfactory that it has aroused the National-"The Lady of the Stipper." friends of the chief. Inside and outside the depart- Belase Thus it is not surprising to learn that there are ment, there is wish to understand the whole situation Columbia-Fritz Kreisler, violinist, umors he will be appointed to succeed Chief Jus- better. Beyond that, there is a decided sentiment political manner of a Tomorrow," 2:15 ge of seventy next year. Justice White, however, moderation and all charitableness in the case of a Keith's Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. ge of seventy next year. Justice withe, nowever, moderation and all charitableness in the case of a Kerin s-vandeville, and all site in the case of a Kerin s-vandeville, continuous, fill have somethin, to say about this, as he is not man with the record that has been made by Mr. Sul-

## The Silver Lining

way but in the right direction.

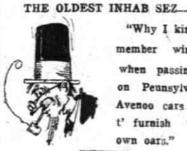
Fewer saloons are demanded by a

Moving picture bandit is beaten up by

Czar's police prohibit the "one-step. The one in the right direction, probably

Washington judge refuses to grant a

divorce. Calm yourself. He's in Wash-



member winters Avenoo cars had

back again and then you get off. Simple? Business of snapping thumb and second finger. Just like that. Interested capitalists can interview inventor on Congress Heights. On visiting days

Commission finds that Harry Thaw

## Hits From Sharp Wits.

rance.-New Orleans Picavano A Princeton play doesn't have to be

house in Washington during this Ad-A Frenchman, according to a Paris weapon. cable, lived for a year without a brain,

but that's nothing-we've known of men

man who will admit that he doesn't know about everything that is worth The sun is beginning to tise earlier

now, but the alarm clock hasn't changed. It stays up all night and walts for its victim. Any feminine name is pretty if the

The way to handle a runior is to wait

If we accomplish all we expect to de

Uncle Sam is advertising for a wo an to patch leattle fings at 12 a d notes the Boston Transcript, and

## What's on the Program in Washington Today

Vernon, No. 3, grand visitation: Ana-costia, No. 12, Eastern Star-Temple, Knights of Pythias Decatal, No. 9, in jubilee committee. Odd Fellows-Union, No. 11: Beacon, No.

Covenant, No. 13: Langdon, No. 5 business. Rebekah-Esther, No. 5 Vernon Tent, No. 4: Anacostia Tent, No. 7: Capital City Division, No. 1. National Union - Pressman's Council; East Capitol Council.

Socialist—German branch entertainment

## Amusements

Arcade-Dancing, evening.

## Times Tiny Travelettes

SCENES IN LONDON-No. 4.



THE grave of Oliver Goldsmith is in the grounds of Temple Church, in a secluded spot seldom visited by the casual tourist. Goldsmith died April 4, 1774. He wrote the best comedy of his period, including the "Vicar of Wakefield," "The Traveler." and the "Deserted Village," his best-known poem.

# Bare Knuckles and the

By TONY BIDDLE, Millionaire Athlete and Society Man.

N the battle of life we must fight the devil with bare fists. All around us we see men who are fighting sin gently, politely, apologetically. They mean to do well, but call themselves "tolerant." and are so broad they are flat and morally thin. In a word, they are not fighting the battle of life at all, but putting up what the gallery calls a "stall." Too often they wake up after they have been knocked out to find that their foe has not only been fighting with bare hands, but has, as well, been using cruelly hard "brass knuckles." Nearly everyone has heard of John L. Sullivan. His career was not altogether exemplary, but there is a moral to be drawn from his story. When John L. first appeared before the public he was an ideal fighting animal. Lithe and active as a panther, he was yet massive and heavy and colossally powerful. In the ring men quailed before his black, lowering front and lion-like glare. One by one the veteran champions of the ring fell before his terrible 2sts. They called him vorce just when the days were getting the "lion of the prize ring" and said that no man living could stand before him in the ring even for four rounds. When Sullivan was in his prime the value and beauty of boxing as a sport first began to gain recognition. Laws were made legalizing boxing exhibitions, which previously had been held furtively in defiance of the law, in barns and lonely fields. With the laws legalizing the sport, however, came the demand that the contestants wear gloves. Sullivan never liked the gloves. His seconds used to say that they had to blindfold him and back him into them. All his early fighting had been done with bare knuckles, and he never got over his fondness for nature's

At the last, when the reeling hulk that had once been Sullivan who got along without one all their fell before the young and vigorous Corbett, it was not to drink and the devil that he attributed his downfall. Oh no! "If it had been There is always hope for the young with bare knuckles I could have beaten him," said he.

Of course, the merits of the Sulliva-Corbett controversy are history. They have been settled innumerable times on every sporting page. We will not allude to them here, but the words of the old gladiator, "if it had only been with bare knuckles," are worthy of our attention. We err too often nowadays by fighting sin with kid gloves. We are too delicate with wrong, both in ourselves and in others; we smile indulgently at our own faults and shudder as we think how much inconvenience and trouble a sudden violent righting of them might cause us. We watch others go astray and think how rude and unconventional in us it would be to do anything to remind them of their errors and keep them in the straight and narrow way.

If we are to beat the devil in the fight for life we must strip off the gloves of ease and convention and go at him bare-knuckled. We must see and recognize the true facts of life as we know them to be, and abandon the easy, convenient unconcern of usage and custom. We must recognize that we are in a fight to the finish with a cruel foc, one who is trying all the time and who will not scruple to use fair or foul tactics to win, and we must fight him as hard and as roughly as we can. In the end, let us hope that none of us will have occasion to say "if it had been with bare knuckles I would not have been

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## Didn't Deserve It.

only living relative is an old uncle who is not; and there are other differences between Howard and his uncle, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. However, one day not long pale blue, sky yellow nor any other age our young here more or less diffidently approached his avancular rela-tive, with the infination that it would be a graceful thing for the old chap to

"Young man," gold the mich, "you are a spendthrift. If I had money would give it to you. But I have money. You seem to think I have money. You seem to think I have a treasure hidden away somewhere. Get rid of that notion. I have sayed up a som large enough to hary me decently die, and that is all. Now get A friend of Howard asked him little later in the day voy he looks thoughtful.
"I was just wondering," he "where that old fellaw got the idea he ought to be oursed decently."

is no beauty. He is not only long and anguar, but has face and a complexion that are neither color that dress effect will attune to, says the Indianapolis News.

One day the aferesaid party called to see an acquaintance and while wait- questions by the aud'ence. ing for him to appear in the parlor was entertained by the little eight-yearold son.

"Well, what do you toink of me?" naked the caller, after conversing sey- woman question aside and thoughtfully hang his head.

You haven't answered me, smilingly persisted the caller. Aren't you going to tell me what you think of me? "No, sir," returned the youngeter. going to tell me what you think of me?"
"No, sir," returned the youngster.
"Do you suppose that I want to get a licking."
"Well," said the woman, "I'd like to walked coolly away, "there is no need know how you got that smooth effect for me to do it."—London Evening over your hips.

## Real Arcadia Is Perched Above the Blue Tauben Of Old Bavaria

above the deep blue Tauben, is Germany's Arcadia. It is the place where all men are (relatively) rich. all women virtuous, all children and newest town. Other towns with hoary pasts, narrow streets, picturesque gabled houses, gray fortress walls, and damp dungeons compensate for their picturesque beauty by being socially backward; and when you ask them why the houses smell and the children are ragged, they say: "You can't expect everything." But Rothenburg is an exception. It is as old and as picturesque as Venice, and as tidy and progressive as brand new Berlin. No town equals it for antique loveliness, and no town has such good municipal institutions, such excellent drainage, such fat balances in the savings banks.

Rothenburg is a town of more than

In the savings banks.

Rothenburg is a town of more than \$0.00 inhabitants, some fifty miles southwest of famous Nuremberg. It is situated on a high plateau 200 feet above the river. The blue Tauben runs placidly beneath, and so beautiful is the view that the town's \$.00 contented inhabitants waste many precious bours easing over the many precious hours gazing over the panorama. There are sixteenth century fortress walls; medieval, meliow streets with miraculously soft colors; a wonderful double Rathaus, part in thirteenth century and dungeons where 700 years ago a mayor was done to death for treason.

ONCE WAS PART OF HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

Once Rothenburg was a great city "Reichstadt" in the Holy Roman Empire. It was captured by Tilly in 1631 and was saved from being sacked by a cup of wine presented to the conqueror by the burgomaster. Now every Whit Monday, in the great hall—the "Kaisersaal"—of the wonderful town half there is en-acted by the inhabitants a folk play called "Der Meistertrunk"—the Mus-ter Drink—which commemorates this bistorical event.
Under the name of Rotinbure the

place is first mentioned in history.
That was early in the ninth cenutry, and it was then the residence of the Duke of Franconia. It became a town in 542 and in 1172 a free imperial city. The height of its presently was reached under its prosperity was reached under its most famous burgomaster, Heinrich Toppier, whose tomb is pointed out to every visitor to kothenburg.

All this makes Rothenburg a wonderful place for tourists. But Rothenburg is a still more won-

Rothenburg is a still more won-derful place for Rothenburgers. For it is Germany's only town which has no poor people. Also it has no millionaires. The most prosperous citizen makes toys and baby carriages; and there is no great gap between him and the least prosperous. As a result of a wise, paternal, and somewhat so-cialistic policy, poverty has been abolished. There are no work-houses and no paupers; and if a man is temporarily out of work Rothenburger owns his own house, has big money saved, and also has—on a small scale—a farm of his own. Also Rothenburgers. his own. Also Rothenburgers, though they live in houses as old their streets are the cleanest in all somewhat slovenly Bayaria.

ROTHENBURG TOLERATES NO EVIL OR MISERY. Rothenburg municipality is Rothenhure's earthly providence. It is an imperative providence. Ger-man law allows municipalities to should do everything. It laid down years ago that all Rothenburgers must be made worthy of their un-equaled town; and that no misery or evil must be tolerated. Rothenburg municipality resolved to realize this aim by insuring that every citizen should have a stake in the town. First it set to fight the vicious practice of families living in rented houses. Rented houses, it decided, are economically as vicions as would be rented ciothes, or even rented food. Also rented houses threatened to spoil Rothenburg's do-mestic architecture, the most pic-turesque and beautiful in any European town outside Venice. Land-lords had no interest in preserving houses in which they did not live, and tenants had no interest in pre-serving houses which they would de-part from in a year or so, Rother-burg municipality, therefore, started on a policy of creating house-were on a policy of creating house-own-ers. By special regulations it made it to buy the houses they lived in. It lent money at low interest to the buyers. The town lost nothcurity. They are enormously valuable owing to their wood carving, chimney pieces and windows. The business was equally profitable to the inhabitants, who found that the interest on the loans amounted to less than the former rents. And no longer was anybody tempted to down the old houses.

### ALL NEW DWELLINGS

OWNED BY TENANTS. Rothenburg also insures that newly built houses shall be owned by men who dwell in them. It makes it hard to put up new houses. Rigid provisions are enforced to insure that the new houses shall not spoil the ap-pearance of the old. This means that many fake old buildings are put up. For a few years their obvious faking offends. But that passes as they get melow and moldy. In this way Hoch-enburg manages to keep up its Mid-dle Ages appearance better than other towns. Compared with it, Nur-emburg is an indiscriminate mixture of styles.

emburg is an indiscriminate mixture of styles.

As a result of land owning and of running the profitable Wildbad spa. Rothenburg municipality is rich. It spends its riches on developing a generous land policy. The municipality thinks that one of the great causes of urban misery is the divorce of the working class population from the land. The man who is not part farmer, the man who cannot at a pinch produce his own food, that man is only half a man. Therefore, said Rothenburg, every man, town dweller, though he be must have his little farm. And it began to divide up the communal lands among its citizens, and to buy other lands, and sell them to chizens on easy terms. So now not only other lands, and sell them to chizens on easy terms. So now not only does the typical Rothenourger own his own house, but he owns somewhere on the fringe of the city a little allotment for farming. He can himself work in the modest baby carriage or toy facetry will entity wife and children have gone to the ministure farm a mile or so the miniature farm a mile or so away. Thus the Rothenburg working man has his own production of fruit and vegetables and sometimes even his own animal food. His production of the control STRIKES ARE UNKNOWN

AND CRIME IS RARE. This policy sends up industrial wages. The Rothenburg is the most independent workman in Europe. What with his own house, his own savings, and his own allotment, he can pick and choose his work. He refuses to be sweated. Strikes are unknown. Also crime is rare There is about 60 per cent less than in neighboring towns. There is no persibility. For the paternal municipality is severe. Men without occupations and men of doubtful character from other parts of Germany are promptly sent back to their native towns. And had native Rothenburgers, when there are any, have a bad time. The municipality refuses to let them share an al, the other bounties which by reason of its weath it can shower cown on the just. So there is no temptation to a bad Rothenburger to stay at home. Indeed, Rothenburgers say that the What with his own house, his own n and Rothenburger to stay at home. Indeed, Rothenburgers say that the last bad men enlisted with Tilly. Not content with providing thing to make its inhabitants com-fortable and happy. Rothenburg mu-nicipainty worries itself lest any of its cares should become dissatisfied and yearn to try his luck elsewhere. It keeps a jezious watch over its citizens, and when one plans to leave, it does all it can do to persuade him to change his mind. The portly good-natured burromaster calls around for a friendly heart-to-heart talk. What are his grievances, heart this reasons for pelleving that any other town in the world will offer him the advantages of beautiful Rothenburg? If this line of tal does not dissuade him the municipality does not hesitate to shower down upon him increased blessings.

If he is a manufacturer it offers him all sorts of conveniences and bounties. If he is a plain working man it offers him a fresh and more productive farm on the outskirts of the town or promises to secure him a better job in one of the factories. The municipal councilors follow the burgomaster in calling upon him and appeal to bur first are a business. appeal to him first as a business man and finally, if that fails, to his love of Rothenburg and its honor. Re-moval is called desertion, and the disastisfied citizen is told that the

whole world will regard his action as a siur upon the fair name of the As a matter of fact, few Rothenburgers ever leave the old town. Of those that do leave, the majority return repentant in due course, after learning that the outside world, compared with their motherly home town, is hard, cruel, and unsympa-thetic. Of the hundred families that left in the past ten years almost sev-

## Another Check Story.

66 JOU'VE heard a lot of stories about the vool mistakes women make when they come to a bank," says a well-known

ago. She shoved a check through the window without looking at me. I said; CERTAIN man you lives in a subarban town in North Jersey is no beauty. He is not call.

## What Puzzled Her.

SUFFRAGE meeting was drawhad all been made and the meeting was thrown open to

For a few moments there was silence. Instead of replying, the boy turned Then a woman arose and asked: "May

any quest'on at all?" said the speace. "What question would you sunsively.

## town half so picturesque, or one-third so progressive as the little Arcadia perched above the gorge of the deep blue Tauben. An Embarrassing Moment.

deaf, dined one evening with a friend. When the guests were seated the host, bowed paying teller over on the avenue, "and his head and began speaking in a sub-What's that?" demanded Milne, who "I've seen 'em all-tee woman was gets mad when we call her attention to an overdraft and then wants to write a check to make it up; the woman whose indorsements are weird-all of what you say." Milne persisted. A low ripple of laughter went round the table host, his face crimeon with high-The host, his face crimson with em-arrassment, raised his voice still high-r. Milne did his best to hear, has

"What did you say?" he demanded in-

No Miracle Needed. C IR JOSEPH WARD likes a good story, and he can also tell an amusing me. Here is a favorite

A certa'n Maori "witch doctor" was Said the presiding officer: "Now, is there any woman here who would like to ask a question? Don't bestate to wask any question you'd like to; any question at all about any phase of the woman question."

held in great awe and reverence by the superstitious natives. This man chained that he was by his magic enabled to that he was by his magic enabled to the water and one day his disciples went with him to the seashor, expecting to see him perform the more and the property of disciples went with him to the seashor, expecting to see him perform the miracle. When they reached the water's edge the man turned to his followers:
"Do you really believe that I can walk the sea?" he asked in soleme tone: "Yes, yes," they replied reverently